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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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April 27, 2015

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Response Due Date
06/01/2015

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00474841

REFERENCE: OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (07/01/2014 - 09/30/2014)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 2 item(s):

1. Schedule B of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. Please be advised that 52 U.S.C. §30116(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §441a(a)) prohibits a non-multicandidate political committee and its affiliates, from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,500 per election. Please refer to the Campaign Guide for information on how a committee qualifies for multicandidate status.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund of the excessive amount or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund of the excessive amount.

If your committee has met the criteria for multicandidate status, please file FEC FORM 1M "Notification of Multicandidate Status" with the Commission. The

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treasurer must file FEC FORM 1M no later than ten (10) calendar days after qualifying for multicandidate committee status. (11 CFR §102.2(a)(3))

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. (11 CFR §110.1(b))

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (3))

2. Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution designated for the primary election that was made after the date the candidate terminated their candidacy. The candidate was running for the Republican Party nomination for President until their announcement on 5/2/12 not to seek the nomination. At this time, the Presidential candidate's committee can no longer accept contributions for the Presidential election.

Your committee must either request a refund of the Primary election contribution made after the date of the announcement or, to the extent there are net debts outstanding for the campaign on the date the primary election contribution was received, you may designate the contribution for debt retirement. 11 CFR §110.2(b)

If the apparent impermissible contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information. If the contribution in question should have been designated for debt retirement, you should amend your report to indicate "debt retirement."

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of any refund request sent to the recipient committee. In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which the refunds are received.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this apparent impermissible activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

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Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1393.

Sincerely,



Paul Stoetzer
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

**Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions
Sheriff PAC (C00474841)**

Excessive Contributions to a Committee/Candidate Committee

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Report
NEWT 2012	9/12/14	\$5,000.00	*P2012	2014 October Quarterly

*Schedule B discloses contributions to federal candidates for which no election designation has been provided. Contributions not designated for a particular election will be attributed to the next election for Federal office in which the candidate is participating. Since this candidate is not currently scheduled to participate in a future election, it has been attributed to the 2012 Primary. (11 CFR §§ 110.2(b)(ii)).